



Waitakere City Rotary Club Bulletin

This Week's Meeting

When:	Monday 19 th Jan 2009 6:30pm
Where:	The Brigham, 164 Brighams Creek Road, Hobsonville
Guests:	This time we were the guests – combined meeting with New Lynn, West Harbour and Kumeu
Attendance:	13/28 Mike Angland, Jim Annison, Bob Benzie, David Butler, Derek Gee, Craiger Hargesheimer, Peter Hatch, Kerry McMillan, Alan Pattison, Heather Pattison, Jack & Lucy Riddell, John Riddell, Peter Smith, Nick – guest from the UK doing a makeup.
Make Ups:	
No Shows:	Jim Brown, Ivan & Jazz Yukich
Apologies:	Terry Hodges, Monique Mataga, Ross Ward
Guest Speaker:	

Important Dates and Events

28 th Jan 2008	Board Meeting – 5pm
28 th Jan 2008	First regular meeting of the year at Rex Davy Lounge A time to catch up on fishing stories and updates about forthcoming events
13 th Feb 2009	The 2009 Casino Royals night. 6:30 pm onwards. Great prizes. Supported by the Rotary Club of Waitakere City and Sunderland School and College.
21 st & 22 nd Feb 2009	Devonport Food, Wine and Music Festival (See 15 th Oct bulletin for details)
17 th April 2009 to 19 th April 2009	District Conference – Whangarei Registrations are being taken now

President's Notices:

With all the recent upheavals and changes our timetable is now a bit out. Our next meeting was supposed to be a fellowship evening but will now be replaced with a regular meeting at the Rex Davy Lounge. A Board Meeting will precede it.

The Brigham

We joined with West Harbour, Kumeu, New Lynn and Henderson for a BBQ at The Brigham in Hobsonville on Monday. It was a great evening with somewhere in the region of 110 people to talk to.



This sign was in hiding inside the gate



But it is still reasonably clear



West Harbour Bulletin Editor at work



And so was the Henderson photographer



Some of the interior diners (recognize anyone?)



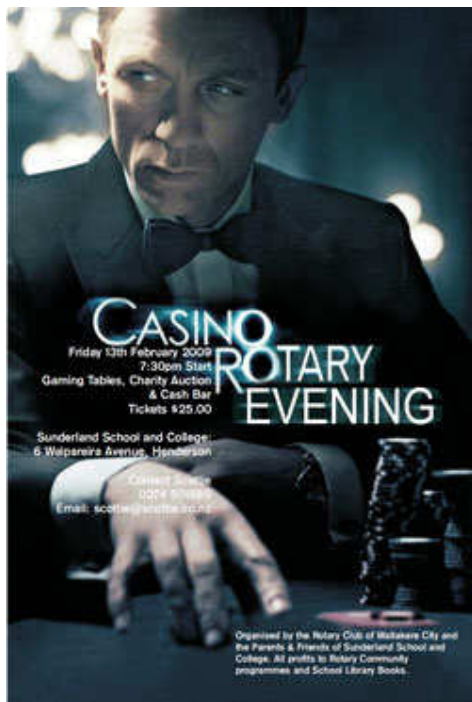
And a lot more people dining out on the deck

Waitakere Rotary Casino Evening

Details follow.

Bob Benzie has asked that we all get involved in this and sell 6 tickets each – Derek has the tickets. It is a fantastic fundraiser if we all get involved, but can be a disaster if we don't so all help greatly appreciated.

Waitakere Rotary Casino Evening



Friday 13th February 2009

7:30pm Start

Gaming Tables, Charity Auction
& Cash Bar

Tickets \$25.00

Venue: Sunderland School and College:
6 Waipareira Avenue, Henderson

Contact Scottie 0274 501889

Email: scottie@scottie.co.nz

Organized by the Rotary Club of Waitakere City and
the Parents & Friends of Sunderland School & College.

All profits to Rotary Community programmes and School
Library Books.

Message from Bob Benzie:

Hi Fellows
Please Help...

We hope those of you who were at the combined Rotary meeting last Monday and received your six Casino Tickets have now started to sell them. Derek Gee will allocate tickets to those members who were not there on Wednesday at Rotary – We meet in the Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground, Trusts Stadium @ 6 pm.

A4 posters are available as are extra tickets.

Please can you help your community committee raise funds for our Literacy programme – Dictionaries for 9 year old.

Waitakere City Rotary will also benefit from the John Key Economic announcement speech event when a donation from the Waitakere Business Club will be presented for this project on that day. (9 Dictionaries will be commented, dated and signed by the Rt. Hon John Key – they along with other dictionaries will be presented to nine schools within West Auckland – This means that nine students from nine schools will have a very special dictionary) WE HAVE BOOKED 5 TABLES OF 10 - AND WE HAVE SOLD ALL 50. The event has sold out with 350 business and key community people attending – Great PR for Rotary and especially Waitakere City Rotary Club.

Every Dictionary donated will have an inserted certificate acknowledging the Waitakere City Rotary Club.

So PLEASE sell those Casino Tickets, we need your support. We have support from others such as

- Bar Staff 6 ROTEX people (Young men and women who have returned from their International Youth Exchange two years ago
- Beer & Wine Waitakere Trust (Providing all drinks at cost)
- Security Blue light / DARE Police Education Officers PLUS they are selling Tickets within the Waitakere Police Base
- Catering Parents and Friends of Sunderland School and College PLUS they are selling tickets.

Special thanks to New Lynn, Henderson, Kumeu, & West Harbour Rotary Club members who are selling and promoting the Casino on our behalf.

Resignations:

Jill Jones resigned on 14th January 2009
Angela Brown resigned on 15th January 2009

Photos from Beatriz – our International student now back in Brazil.



BBQ at Grandma's house with all the women from the family and 2 friends



Beatriz and her cousin using the shot glasses that Marisa chose.

And speaking of Beatriz, photos taken, before she left New Zealand, with our new Prime Minister



Change of email:

Jim Brown pinevue@xtra.co.nz Remove business phone number and fax numbers

Emails Received from the District over the holidays:

Brian Flowers

Dear All,

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Brian passed away today [5/1/09] at 11.45 am at home. Brian showed great courage during his illness and has been an great inspiration to all who knew him.

Brian was President of Kerikeri Rotary club 2006-7 and was made a PHF the following year. His dedication and hard work will be missed by all of us.

Jan was with Brian at the end, please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Regards
Alan Pitts

AQUA BOXES



To all clubs.... District 9910
Hi Guys, I'm the new coordinator of / for AQUA
BOXES

We've had a wee rush on with the Fiji thingy, and
now need to replenish our stock. **We need your
help now.**

Empty Boxes can be ordered from me, and will only
cost \$85... then, with list provided, your club
members can fill them....

OR... For \$600 District will fill the box on your
behalf.....

Contact me directly dougalthecat@vodafone.co.nz
(she's the one who benefits from the attachment)

Phone 09 42 62 149 021 330 687.....you
can find me on page 23 of the district handbook, I'm
the handsome bloke at the bottom of the page [at
left]... (Note the change in email address)

Thanks Guys. Ian M. Carpenter



NEWS RELEASE: January 15 2009

Flood victims in Fiji receiving assistance from Rotary Clubs

Emergency boxes containing dry clothes, water purification equipment, home wares, tools, health and sanitation supplies and basic utensils have already been delivered to Fiji flood victims by Rotary club members.

Rotary club members throughout Fiji, including Nadi, Lautoka, Savusavu, Labasa and Suva, have rallied to deliver the emergency boxes and will give out another \$180,000 worth that are on the way from New Zealand Rotary Clubs.



Rotary in New Zealand is now accepting donations from the public through Westpac Bank, to add to thousands of dollars already committed by Rotarians, so emergency food supplies can be purchased and dispatched immediately. Fiji is part of Rotary District 9920, which includes other Pacific Island nations and parts of Auckland and Manukau cities.

Rotary spokesman Rob Crabtree said assessments have been done in consultation with Dismac (a Fiji disaster management group) and Red Cross and the first batch of boxes have been dispatched. The

two main areas for distribution are the Rewa Delta/Natasiri and the Nadi, Ba and Western Region.

Mr Crabtree says a report from NG Singh, the Rotary District Assistant Governor in Nadi, says Rotarians are struggling to keep their businesses going and their families dry and accommodated. But the Lautoka club has already distributed bottled water and emergency boxes, despite some areas only being accessible by river as roads are impassable, and they have assisted those in need in Ba.

“On the other side of the country, Bob Niranjan our Assistant Governor in Suva, has set up a co-ordination committee and is working with local organisations to provide assistance as needed,” Mr Crabtree says. “They have collected clothes and bedding and are in the process of distributing the emergency boxes that are already in Fiji.”



Rotary clubs in New Zealand have arranged with NZAID, through the Humanitarian Action Fund, for Air Pacific to airfreight 300 further emergency boxes with a value of \$180,000, to Nadi on Friday. The contents of an emergency box are listed below.

New Zealand Rotary clubs are now coordinating the collection of donations to facilitate the purchase of emergency food supplies.

Rotary NZ World Community Service Director Stuart Batty says Rotary would welcome donations

from the general public. Cheques can be made payable to Rotary NZWCS Ltd Project Account and posted to RNZWCS Limited, PO Box 20309, Christchurch 8543, or donations can be made direct through internet banking to Westpac Bank A/C 03 1702 0192208 01.

For further information contact PDG Rob Crabtree, Rotary International Pacific Area PR Coordinator, phone 0274 974 310, or Felicity Anderson, RI Zone 7B coordinator on 021 22 40 520

Emergency Box (EMBOX) Contents

Household

- Stainless Bombay Cooking Pot (round and no handles)
- 4 unbreakable soup bowls
- 4 unbreakable cups
- 1x5 litre bucket
- 1x 150mm hunting/carving knife
- Sealable plastic bags

Miscellaneous

- Packet candles
- Box waterproof matches
- Packet safety pins
- Ball of string
- Reel of cotton
- 1x rope clothesline and pegs (5mm OD x 20cm)
- 2 plastic sheets (lightweight trailer covers approx 2-4 metres)
- 2 blankets (cotton)
- 2 plastic bottles to hold drinking water

Clothing

- Men 2 pair of shorts and 2 tee shirts (XL) and 2 sets of underwear
- Women 2 sets of underwear and 2 dresses
- Boys 2 pairs of shorts and 2 tee shirts (M)
- Girls 2 sets of underwear and 2 tee shirts (L)
- Babies 6 washable nappies, 2 vets and 2 night dresses
- General 6-8 metres cotton/polyester plain cloth (i.e. dress fabric- non see through)



Tools

Small folding shovel
Machete and file to sharpen
Hammer
Assorted Nails (75mm x 100mm)
Roofing Nails
2 fishing lines, hooks and sinkers

Toiletries and Medical

2 large towels
Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Small mirror and comb
6 bars of sunlight soap
Roll of waterproof sticking plaster
Roll of dressing strip
5cm gauze bandage
Tube of antiseptic cream
Water treatment tablets
Panadol
Sewing needle
Scissors

FLOODS IN FIJI

Club President, Secretary and Editor.

It would be greatly appreciated if the following message could be transmitted to all of your Club members and your Club considers acting upon the requested assistance.

Fellows,

The following message has the full support of District Governor Neil, and you are encouraged to call together those necessary to make an urgent decision as the need is most urgent, and looks as though it could escalate.

District Chair for the Rotary New Zealand World Community Service Ltd, (RNZWCS Ltd.) David Hutcheson also urges expediency in dealing with this message and has asked that you consider the following request.

You will have seen the following or similar press release concerning the flood disaster in Fiji:

NZ gives \$100,000 for Fiji flood relief

Press Release by New Zealand Government at 2:03 pm, 12 Jan 2009 New Zealand is making up to \$100,000 available to assist relief efforts following major flooding in western parts of Fiji, Foreign Minister Murray McCully announced today. "Heavy rain and strong winds have causing extensive flooding in recent days. A state of emergency has been declared in western Fiji, with the worst affected areas being Nadi, Sigatoka, and Ba," Mr. McCully said.

"Four deaths have been confirmed and two Fijian teenagers are missing. To date floods have forced over 2,300 people to move to evacuation centres, and more bad weather is predicted when a second tropical depression reaches Fiji later this week. "The funding announced today will initially be made available to Fiji Red Cross. Further allocations will be made according to the needs of relief agencies who are working with communities affected by the flooding.

"New Zealand's assistance will help Fiji Red Cross replenish emergency stocks such as water containers, tarpaulins, and medical supplies. This will help ensure they are able to continue to help people if further bad weather hits Fiji as forecast." Mr. McCully said. New Zealanders wishing to help with relief efforts or make donations are asked to visit the NZAID How you Can Help webpage for information on how they can best provide support.

New Zealanders planning to visit Fiji should monitor the situation and contact their travel agent for the latest information, as there is a possibility that travel plans may be disrupted. New Zealanders currently in Fiji are encouraged to register their details on www.safetravel.govt.nz.

The current disaster in Fiji calls for rapid and effective assistance. We have received an e-mail from PDG Stuart Batty, representing RNZWCS Ltd, detailing the most immediate response:

"It is at this time that we wish each other a Happy New Year, but this is not the situation in Fiji. Let us all lift their hopes in the true Community Spirit of Rotary.

To advise we are working with D9920 in New Zealand and Fiji to get Emergency Relief to areas devastated by recent flooding.

Up to 300 Emergency Boxes will be sent on the first available Air Pacific Jumbo flight, 200 of which and including freight the result of a grant of \$120,000 from NZAID. There is however an urgent need for other essentials relating to food and shelter.

RNZWCS Limited will accept donations from Rotarians and Clubs for which receipts will be issued for tax deductibility purposes. DG Jack has confirmed agreement that donations be made payable to RNZWCS Limited – Project Account and posted to below address **or** direct through internet banking.

Westpac **03 1702 0192208 01**

PDG Stuart J Batty JP Director RNZWCS Limited"

EMERGENCY BOXES

This issue of emergency boxes will deplete our resources greatly, **therefore I appeal to all clubs to commit to supplying at least one new emergency box with immediate effect.** There are many thousands of Fijians who desperately need our assistance, regardless of the political climate in that country.

I urge all clubs to act immediately and to also consider a direct cash donation to the RNZWCS Ltd – Project Account, as stated by PDG Stuart in his e-mail.

Further details for contacting Stuart if you have any questions:

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David Hutcheson.
District 9910 Chair RNZWCS Ltd.

Rotary, Gates Foundation announce \$355 million for polio eradication

New challenge grant helps bridge critical funding gap, inspire other donors in global effort to end crippling childhood disease

SAN DIEGO, Calif., U.S.A. (Jan. 21, 2009) -- Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have announced they will contribute a combined \$355 million in new funds for polio eradication.

The Gates Foundation is awarding Rotary a \$255 million challenge grant, which Rotary will match with \$100 million raised by its members and supporters over the next three years. As a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Rotary's chief role is fundraising, advocacy and mobilizing volunteers. The announcement came during the Rotary International Assembly, the humanitarian service organization's annual leadership conference.

"Rotarians, government leaders and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation. "However, complete elimination of the polio virus is

difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication.”

In accepting the Gates challenge, Rotary Foundation Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe said the funding partnership will inspire other polio eradication allies, both current and new, to ramp up their support.

“With the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we are on the brink of eradicating one of the most feared diseases in the world,” Majiyagbe said. “This shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation should encourage governments and nongovernmental organizations to ensure that resources are available to end polio once and for all.”

“This partnership of Rotary and the Gates Foundation offers a historic opportunity to rid the world of a disease that robs children of their futures,” said RI President Dong Kurn Lee. “It is a significant boost toward making real our dream of a polio-free world.”

Rotary will spend the grant money in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by Rotary and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

Polio eradication has been Rotary’s top priority since 1985, and since then Rotary clubs have raised nearly \$800 million for the effort. Although the initiative has slashed the number of polio cases by 99 percent, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, and imported cases from those nations threaten to reinfect countries where the virus has been stopped. The initiative currently faces a critical funding shortfall that must be closed if eradication is to be achieved.

This is the second challenge grant Rotary has received from the Gates Foundation for polio eradication. In November 2007, Rotary accepted a \$100 million challenge grant, which Rotary is matching dollar-for-dollar. The two challenge grants represent a combined total of \$555 million in polio eradication funds. Rotary’s three-year effort to raise the matching funds for both grants is called Rotary’s \$200 Million Challenge. Rotary invites the general public to participate by visiting rotary.org/endpolio to learn about polio eradication and contribute to the challenge match.

Rotary is an international humanitarian service organization with more than 33,000 clubs in about 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary’s 1.2 million members are men and women who are business, professional and community leaders united by a commitment to make the world a better place through volunteer service.



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NEWS RELEASE

**EMBARGOED UNTIL: 9am PST, 11am CST,
12:00 EST, 17:00 GMT,
18:00 CET, Jan. 21, 2009**

CONTACT:

Global health community commits over \$630 million in aggressive push for polio eradication

Rotary International, Gates Foundation, United Kingdom, and Germany pledge critically needed funds and urge donor and endemic country governments to help end crippling childhood disease

SAN DIEGO, Calif., U.S.A. (Jan. 21, 2009) -- Rotary International, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the British and German governments today committed more than \$630 million in new funds to fight polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa and Asia and threatens children everywhere. In addition to pledging needed funds, leaders urged additional donors and leaders of countries where polio still exists to join them in aggressive push for eradication.

The Gates Foundation is awarding a \$255 million challenge grant to Rotary, which Rotary will match with \$100 million raised by its members over the next three years. At the same time, the United Kingdom is giving an additional \$150 million (£100 million) and Germany is giving an additional \$130 million (€ 100 million), both to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Contributions from the U.K. and Germany over the next five years will not count toward Rotary's match of the Gates Foundation challenge grant.

As a spearheading partner in the initiative, Rotary's chief role is fundraising, advocacy and mobilizing volunteers. The announcements came during the Rotary International Assembly, the humanitarian service organization's annual leadership conference.

"Rotarians, government leaders and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment so polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Gates Foundation. "However, complete elimination of the polio virus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."

In accepting the Gates challenge, Rotary Foundation Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe said the funding partnership will inspire other polio eradication allies, both current and new, to ramp up their support.

"With the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we are on the brink of eradicating one of the most feared diseases in the world," Majiyagbe said. "This shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation should encourage governments and nongovernmental organizations to ensure that resources and the will of the world are available to end polio once and for all."

UK International Development Secretary Douglas Alexander said, "This £100 million pledge by the UK Government, combined with the money from our other partners, is a massive boost in the battle to rid the world of the scourge of polio. We have already significantly increased the number of vaccinations for those people most at risk, and there has been real progress in reducing the number of new infections. Now is the time to make the final push to eradicate polio. This investment will ensure future generations in the developing world will no longer have their lives blighted by this crippling disease."

New funding and government support still required

The polio eradication initiative faces an ongoing funding shortfall that must be closed if eradication is to be achieved. With these new investments, along with contributions received from Canada, Russia, the United States and other donors, the shortfall for 2009-10 is \$340 million. The new funding from Germany will further reduce the gap.

“G-8 countries pledged repeatedly to take all necessary steps to eradicate polio,” said Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, German Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development. “Germany has contributed significantly to living up to this commitment. We urge other countries to join us in closing the funding gap and ensuring that health workers have the support they need to protect the world’s children from polio.”

Polio has been completely eliminated in the Americas, the Western Pacific and Europe, but the wild polio virus persists in Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, and imported cases from these countries threaten other developing nations. It is in these four countries that the most serious challenges exist, including vaccine effectiveness (India), low vaccination coverage rates (Nigeria), and access problems due to conflict (Afghanistan and Pakistan). Much depends on the countries themselves. Recent progress in key areas has shown that these challenges can be overcome with sufficient national and sub-national commitment.

Launched in 1988, the GPEI -- spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF -- has reduced the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, from more than 350,000 cases in 1988 to an estimated 1,600 in 2008.

The GPEI partners will use the new polio eradication funds to support a range of activities, including:

- National Immunization Days, when countries aim to immunize every child under five years old with oral polio vaccine
- Supplemental immunization activities focused on providing extra vaccinations to children in high-risk areas
- Research into new vaccines and ways to ensure they are available to vulnerable children
- Surveillance activities to detect cases of polio so that progress can be measured and outbreaks contained.

WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan said: "Together with enhanced commitment by the last four endemic countries at all levels, the new funding commitments are precisely what is needed to help the governments in these countries overcome the remaining barriers to reaching every child with polio vaccine."

“Successfully eradicating polio is crucially important, not just to ensure that no child will ever again be paralyzed by this devastating disease, but also to show that today -- in the 21st Century -- we can deliver life-saving health interventions to every single child, no matter where they live, and even in the most difficult and challenging environments,” said Dr. Chan, who in 2008 made polio eradication WHO’s top operational priority.

This is the second challenge grant for polio eradication the Gates Foundation has given Rotary. The first came in November 2007, when Rotary agreed to match a \$100 million grant dollar-for-dollar.

Rotary clubs worldwide already are hard at work raising the matching funds for what the organization has named Rotary’s \$200 Million Challenge. Since the first Gates Foundation challenge grant was announced, Rotary clubs have raised more than \$60 million toward the goal. Their enthusiastic commitment was a major reason the second challenge was made and accepted. Rotary also invites the general public to participate by visiting rotary.org/endpolio to learn about polio eradication and contribute to Rotary’s \$200 Million Challenge.

For video and still photos go to: www.thenewsmarket.com/rotaryinternational

Meeting Times and Contact Details

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Duty Roster and Calendar:

2009

Date	28 Jan	04 Feb	11 Feb	18 Feb
Guest Speaker				
Grace	Bob B	Craiger	Heather	Domenic
Introduction	Jim B	Peter H	Jack	Mike A
Thanks	David	Bob L	John Ritchie	Jim A
Squire	Kent	Steve	Peter S	Bob B
Squire	Roger	Kerry	Theo	Jim B
Parting thought	Derek	Alan	Ross	David

Venue:

Rex Davy Lounge, Lower Ground Floor at The Trusts Stadium,
Central Park Drive, Henderson

Apologies:

You all know the drill:

Contact:

Ross Ward at
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837 0133

No later than **12 noon** on the
Monday prior to the meeting

AND: If you are bringing guests,
including family members,
please let Ross know this also.

**No shows will, of
course, be charged
for their meal!**